27 September 1975

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger The Secretary of State Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Henry:

The attached assessment of the likelihood of an Indian nuclear test during the remainder of 1975 was developed at the request of the Department. The conclusion of the analysts in the Community is that the odds are against it. However, it is clear that this is a close call and that the major factor suggesting that the Indians will not do so lies in their concern for the reaction of other countries from whom they hope to receive some assistance. This causes me to suggest to you some consideration of whether you wish to organize a little pressure by the United States, as well as Canada, Iran, and possibly others, to improve the odds that the Indians do not do this. The purpose obviously is not to make sure that our assessment comes true but, rather, to avoid the problems that the action would generate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Likelihood of Indian Nuclear Test in Near Future

Attached is final version of the interagency memorandum on this subject.

We have sent it to State (the requester), the NSC Staff, and various offices in the DOD.

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